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Inclusion of PMFBY in Agriculture Sector
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether risk assessment and other data is shared with Agriculture Insurance Company of India and other private sector insurance companies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether an announcement has been made about inclusion of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in agriculture sector but Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is not being implemented at present;

(c) the number of farmers included under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at present along with the number of farmers which have been provided insurance coverage; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to cover more farmers under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam. Selection of insurance company for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is made through bidding process by the concerned State Government. To assess the risk and quote rates in bidding yield data of past 10 years is provided to the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) and other private insurance companies to create competitiveness and to provide benefits of low premium rates and services of these companies.

(b) & (c): After detailed review of erstwhile Crop Insurance Schemes in consultation with all the stakeholders, Government has already launched improved and farmer friendly Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from Kharif 2016 season. To make the scheme more advantageous for farmers, many innovative solutions like coverage for pre-sowing to post-harvest losses, one premium for all crops in a season, reduction in premium to be paid by the farmers, removal of cap on premium

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which had earlier led to reduction in sum insured vis-Ã -vis claims, if any; equating the sum insured with Scale of Finance for maximum risk coverage of farmers, on account payment for mid-season adversities, farm level claim assessment in respect of localized calamities of hailstorm, landslide & inundation and post-harvest losses etc. has been introduced from Kharif 2016 season to provide relief to farmers under the scheme.

During first one year of implementation of PMFBY, about 574 lakh farmers over an area of 581 lakh hectares have been covered under the scheme.

(d): To enhance the awareness among farmers to increase their coverage under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) among all the stakeholders including farmers, Government is undertaking a comprehensive publicity and awareness programme to educate the farmers about the benefit of crop insurance schemes. Capacity building and training programmes for other stakeholders are also being organized. The salient activities under awareness campaign involve the publicity of features & benefits of the scheme through advertisements in leading National/local News Papers, telecast through audio-visual media, distribution of pamphlets in local languages, participation in agriculture fairs / mela/goshti and organization of workshops / trainings and SMS through Kisan Portal etc. State Governments/UTs are also being regularly persuaded to increase the coverage including notifying more crops under crop Insurance schemes. One day seminar/kisan fair especially on the PMFBY has also been organized at various Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). In addition, several communications have also been sent to the public representatives including Members of Parliament, representatives of Panchayti Raj Institutions etc.

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